

Riverdale City Council Work Session Meeting, August 18, 2015

Minutes of the Work Session of the Riverdale City Council held Tuesday, August 18, 2015, at 5:35 PM, at the Civic Center in the Administrative Offices, 4600 S Weber River Dr., Riverdale City, Weber County, Utah.

Present: City Council: Norm Searle, Mayor
Don Hunt, Councilor
Braden Mitchell, Councilor
Brent Ellis, Councilor
Gary E. Griffiths, Councilor
Michael Staten, Councilor

Excused: Rodger Worthen, City Administrator

City Employees: Steve Brooks, City Attorney
Shawn Douglas, Public Works Director
Jackie Manning, City Recorder

There were no members of the public present to this meeting.

Mayor Searle welcomed the Council Members stating for the record that all were in attendance. Mayor Searle excused City Administrator, Rodger Worthen, who is on vacation. He asked if anyone was aware of any open communications. The City Recorder informed the Mayor of Pastor Tim Henderson, for the Church of Integrity Christian Fellowship, who would like to make a public comment asking the Council to consider reducing or eliminating his building permit fees for his church. City Attorney, Steve Brooks arrived at 5:36 PM. Mr. Brooks stated the Council will need to consider their decision carefully as it will be setting a precedent for future requests of waiving fees. Councilor Hunt commented regarding the ability to receive your clergy certificate online, and expressed caution regarding setting a precedent to waive fees for churches. Mr. Brooks stated there has been speculation of the congregation meeting without having occupancy for the building from the City. As the use of the original building will be changing, the church will need to bring the building up to the current building codes and to the current ADA standards.

Mayor Searle stated House Bill 362 Transportation Funding passed unanimously and it will be on the general election ballot in the fall. There were 14 of 15 Weber County Cities that supported the bill. He encouraged the City Council members to become familiar with HB 362, specifically the UTA (Utah Transit Authority) portion. Mayor Searle informed the City Council of the extra City Council Meeting on August 25, 2015 which will be the official Canvass Meeting for the 2015 Primary Election that was held on August 11, 2015.

Mayor Searle stated Advanced Auto will have a ribbon cutting on Friday, August 28, 2015 at 11:00 AM, with the grand opening the following Saturday. The Mayor invited the City Council to attend and noted how nice the building looked.

There were no comments regarding the City Administration Report. Mayor Searle stated he will present the certificates for staff with anniversaries.

Mayor Searle discussed the consent items and invited meeting minute corrections. There were no corrections to the meeting minutes for the August 4, 2015 Regular and Work Session Meetings.

Mayor Searle discussed the first action item on the agenda, purchase of the John Deere tractor. Mr. Douglas stated they are looking forward to the purchase and discussed the state contract which allows for purchase back incentives through John Deere. The new tractor will replace an old 1985 model.

Mayor Searle discussed the second action item on the agenda, adoption of Riverdale City Sanitary Sewer System Management Plan. Mr. Douglas stated this requirement is a state mandate, once adopted, it will be made available for the state to review.

Mayor Searle invited discussion regarding the third and fourth action items, to which there were no questions or discussion.

Mayor Searle discussed the fifth action item regarding the approval for the City to assist Central Weber Sewer District to share cost for the rectification of the damaged Kayak Park water feature. The Mayor and City Administrator, Rodger Worthen, attended a meeting with Mark Allen, Chair of the Sewer Board. During this meeting the Sewer Board asked the City to assist in the repair of the Kayak Park, due to their participation in the original build out of the park. The engineer for the Sewer District felt the construction of the Kayak Park was partly to blame for the current issues. The original offer Mr. Worthen and the Mayor made to the Sewer District was 10 percent of the total cost. The Sewer District countered and asked if they would participate 40 percent due to the construction bid coming in lower than anticipated. Mayor Searle felt this would be a one-time repair participation from the City.

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Councilor Griffiths noted the increase in complaints regarding the kayakers themselves and felt this repair would discourage kayaking and swimming, which would resolve those complaints. Mr. Douglas stated this repair would eliminate the kayak features and fix the channel to allow proper flow in the river, which would make the area safer.

There was a discussion regarding changing the signage of the area from Kayak Park to 4300 South. Some of the regular kayakers asked to meet with the Mayor and City Staff regarding the possibility of restoring the Kayak Park to its original features, but they never showed up to the scheduled meeting.

There was a discussion regarding the proposed 4400 South trail head over Interstate 15. The Mayor showed a site plan to the City Council. The bid for the trail should go out in December, with construction beginning as early as March.

Having no further business to discuss the Council adjourned at 5:59 PM to convene into their Regular City Council Meeting.

Norm Searle, Mayor

Jackie Manning, City Recorder

Date Approved: _____